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## B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of developing topography based management systems, said method comprising:  
analyzing a topography design corresponding to a topography;  
identifying one or more topography requirements based on the analysis;  
creating topography components corresponding to the identified topography requirements, wherein each of the components is adapted to interoperate with one or more operating environments, and wherein at least one of the components is a topography neutral application component that is adapted to interoperate with more than one topography; and  
storing component data in a topography data store, the component data describing one or more of the components.
2. (cancelled)
3. (original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein at least one of the topography requirements is selected from the group consisting of a communication framework, a deployment mechanism, a security infrastructure, and an operation conduit.
4. (original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the component data includes one or more fields selected from the group consisting of a component identifier, a target platform, a development environment, a control model, a topography scale, a management style, a component

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dependency, a component placement, a component packaging data, a component bundling data, a component build option, and a component runtime option.

5. (original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
saving each component in a component library;  
wherein the storing further includes writing a record in a database file, each record corresponding to a distinct component.
6. (original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
identifying one or more client attributes corresponding to a client;  
comparing the identified client attributes to the topography components; and  
selecting one or more topography components based on the comparing.
7. (original) The method as described in claim 6 further comprising:  
installing the selected topographical components on one or more client computer systems.
8. (currently amended) An information handling system comprising:  
one or more processors;  
a memory accessible by the processors;  
one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by the processors;

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a topography development tool to develop a topography on one or more client computer systems, the topography development tool including:

means for analyzing a topography design corresponding to a topography;

means for identifying one or more topography requirements based on the analysis;

means for creating topography components corresponding to the identified topography requirements, wherein each of the components is adapted to interoperate with one or more operating environments, and wherein at least one of the components is a topography neutral application component that is adapted to interoperate with more than one topography; and

means for storing component data in a topography data store, the component data describing one or more of the components.

9. (cancelled)

10. (original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 wherein at least one of the topography requirements is selected from the group consisting of a communication framework, a deployment mechanism, a security infrastructure, and an operation conduit.

11. (original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 wherein the component data includes one or more fields selected from the group consisting of a component identifier, a target platform, a development environment, a control model, a topography scale, a management style, a

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component dependency, a component placement, a component packaging data, a component bundling data, a component build option, and a component runtime option.

12. (original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
means for saving each component in a component library;  
wherein the means for storing further includes means for writing a record in a database file, each record corresponding to a distinct component.
13. (original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
means for identifying one or more client attributes corresponding to a client;  
means for comparing the identified client attributes to the topography components;  
means for selecting one or more topography components based on the comparing; and  
means for installing the selected topographical components on one or more client computer systems.
14. (currently amended) A computer program product stored in a computer operable media for analyzing a topography design, said computer program product comprising:  
means for analyzing a topography design corresponding to a topography;  
means for identifying one or more topography requirements based on the analysis;  
means for creating topography components corresponding to the identified topography requirements, wherein each of the components is adapted to interoperate with one

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or more operating environments, and wherein at least one of the components is a topography neutral application component that is adapted to interoperate with more than one topography; and

means for storing component data in a topography data store, the component data describing one or more of the components.

15. (cancelled)
16. (original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 wherein at least one of the topography requirements is selected from the group consisting of a communication framework, a deployment mechanism, a security infrastructure, and an operation conduit.
17. (original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 wherein the component data includes one or more fields selected from the group consisting of a component identifier, a target platform, a development environment, a control model, a topography scale, a management style, a component dependency, a component placement, a component packaging data, a component bundling data, a component build option, and a component runtime option.
18. (original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 further comprising:  
means for saving each component in a component library;  
wherein the means for storing further includes means for writing a record in a database file, each record corresponding to a distinct component.

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19. (original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 further comprising:  
means for identifying one or more client attributes  
corresponding to a client;  
means for comparing the identified client attributes to the  
topography components; and  
means for selecting one or more topography components based  
on the comparing.
20. (original) The computer program product as described in claim 19 further comprising:  
means for installing the selected topographical components  
on one or more client computer systems.
21. (new) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
selecting one of the topography neutral application  
components; and  
installing a first copy of the selected topography neutral  
application component on a first topology installation  
and a second copy of the selected topography neutral  
application component on a second topology  
installation, wherein the first and second topology  
installations are dissimilar topologies.
22. (new) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
means for selecting one of the topography neutral  
application components; and  
means for installing a first copy of the selected  
topography neutral application component on a first  
topology installation and a second copy of the

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selected topography neutral application component on a second topology installation, wherein the first and second topology installations are dissimilar topologies.

23. (new) The computer program product as described in claim 14 further comprising:

means for selecting one of the topography neutral application components; and

means for installing a first copy of the selected topography neutral application component on a first topology installation and a second copy of the selected topography neutral application component on a second topology installation, wherein the first and second topology installations are dissimilar topologies.